



LAND OF LAKES HRC Retriever News



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Club Newsletter

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1999 Calendar of Events

(subject to change)

- August 26** - Thurs - Training 6:30pm
Blaine site NE Corner 35W+95th Ave
- September 2** - Thurs - Training 6:30pm
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- September 7** - Tues - Club Meeting
Blue Fox Inn - Shoreview 6:30 pm
- September 10** 1 Sat - Training Day
Elk River Kennels 9 am - Noon
- October 23** - Game Farm Pheasant Hunt
Planning & details to be announced
- November/ December** - Club Meeting
To be announced

Club Pheasant Hunt Is On!

On Saturday, October 23 the LLHRC will hold a Training Day at Mission Creek Hunt Club near Hinckley. At this special event we will train for an HRC Upland Hunt Test using live pheasants, and then after a day of hunting we will gather at Jim & Sharon Bowden's home in Forest Lake, with families invited, for dinner.

The cost of this event is \$50 per dog/handler, which includes three birds, hunt club fees and dinner. All participants will be asked to share one or more of their birds for the dinner.

Advance registration is required to participate in this event. Mail your registration form and fifty dollar check to Jim Bowden before the September 18th deadline to be included in this event.

We will meet at 9:30 am at the Mission Creek Clubhouse and get the Hunt underway shortly thereafter. Bring your dog, shotgun, shells, hunting attire and equipment. Pack a lunch too. From a training / performance standpoint we will be

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Hunt Test Results

Congratulations to LLHRC Member Steve Anderson for a Started pass with Starr at our Spring Hunt! Newsletter Editor apologizes for missing this accomplishment in the last issue.



Without a doubt a club member or two passed tests, took home trophies or was exceptional at the Northern Flights AKC field trial test on August 28th at Kelley Farms, or out in the North Dakota Retriever Club or the Duluth Retriever Club, but reports from our AKC correspondents weren't received in time for this edition of the newsletter

President's Corner - by Jim Bowden

An Official Column is in the works, and will appear in the next issue.

Jim has been busy coordinating Charlie's new activities as a stud. First litter of Charlie's pups should be born in late August or early September in Virginia. More will likely be bouncing into happy hunters' homes in the near future too.

Training Day Report

Our September Training Day will be held at Elk River Kennels on Saturday, September 11 from 9am to Noon. As this is the weekend before the Grouse Season opens we can use it to test where our training is at going into the time when it really counts. Set up begins at 8:30 am, the materials cost will be \$5 person.

The hunting season is soon upon us and the training focus of many members is getting ready for it.

Formal club training days are tough to schedule in the summer and almost impossible once the seasons open.

A benefit of LLHRC membership is getting to know other hunting retriever owners and helping each other with training. Look over the membership list, pick up the phone and give another member a call. To give you an idea of what outcome is possible, Chad Peterson broke the ice and now several east-metro members have been gathering on Thursday evenings at the public land/water site in Blaine. These events

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Game Fair '99

Yields Club Growth!

Game Fair, Minnesota's largest outdoor event focused on hunting, was a great success for LLHRC membership growth. Over the six day event 20 hunters joined LLHRC, and many folks stopped at our table in the Dog Club Tent to talk about our Hunting Retriever Club.

To these new members - WELCOME! We hope you find this a good club to be an active member of.

The great response LLHRC received at Game Fair '99 was the direct result of the members who put in the work and effort. A HEARTY THANK YOU goes out to: Jim Bowden, Ed Victory, Dinah Harlow, Lana Gunsell, John Davis, Mark Switzer, Randy Gustafson, Tracy Danby, Al Frieberg, Julie Johnson, Wade Sampson, Jamie Peterson, Steve Anderson, Dave Ledman, Mark Klagburg, Troy Osborne,

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Upland Hunt Test with Live Pheasants

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working on quartering, flushing, sitting for the shot and retrieving.

Around 3:00-5:00 depending upon the numbers, we will head to the Bowden's for dinner. The menu will feature seasoned pheasant "fondue" and fixings. A map to the house will be mailed to you upon receipt of your reservation.

A brochure describing the Mission Creek Hunt Club in Hinckley has been included with this newsletter mailing so you can learn more about this facility while making up your plans on attending.

Space for this may be limited. While in the planning stages thought was that ten members might participate and that perhaps a group of ten to fifteen might be manageable.



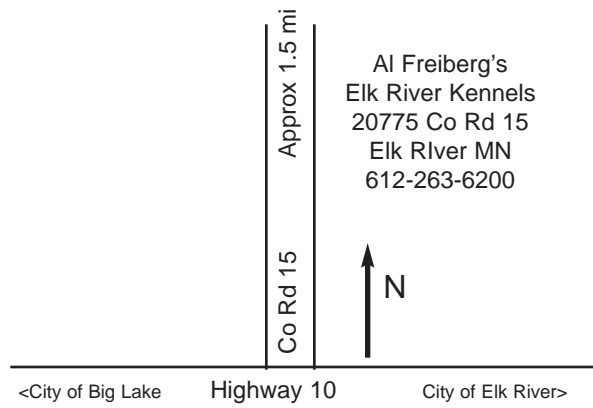
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have been placed on the Club Calendar as informal training, starting around 6:30 pm. The site is near the NE intersection of I-35W and 95th Ave.

Good luck training!

Here's a map to help you find Al's place on Saturday, September 11th:



Some 1999 Area State Upland Hunting Seasons

Minnesota

	Open Season (Dates Inclusive)	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Shooting Hours
Non-Migratory Birds				
Hungarian Partridge	Sept. 18-Dec 31	5	10	1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset
Pheasants	Oct. 16-Dec. 19	2 cocks	6 cocks	9 a.m. to sunset
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	Sept. 18-Dec. 31	5 comb	10 combined	1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset
Sharp-tailed Grouse (in open zone)	Sept. 18-Feb 29	3	6	1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset
Migratory Birds (except waterfowl)				
Crow	July 1-Nov. 1	No limit	No limit	1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset
Woodcock	Sept. 25-Nov. 4	3	6	1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset

See Hunting Regulations Booklet for further details or contact the Minnesota DNR at (651) 296-6157 or 888-MINNDNR

Iowa

	Open Season (Dates Inclusive)	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Shooting Hours
Birds				
Cock Pheasant	Oct. 30-Jan. 10	3	12	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Crow	Oct. 15-Nov. 30	No limit	No limit	No restrictions
	Jan. 14-March 31	No limit	No limit	No restrictions
Gray Partridge	Oct. 9-Jan. 31	8	16	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Pigeons	Oct. 1-March 31	No limit	No limit	No restrictions
Quail	Oct. 30-Jan. 31	8	16	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 2-Jan. 31	3	6	Sunrise to sunset

See Hunting Regulations Booklet for further details or contact the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at (515) 281-5145

Wisconsin

	Open Season (Dates Inclusive)	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Shooting Hours
Birds				
Bobwhite Quail	Oct. 16 (n)-Dec. 8	5	10	1/2 hr b4 sunrise to 15 min after sunset
Hungarian Partridge	Oct. 16 (n)-Dec. 8	3	6	1/2 hr b4 sunrise to 15 min after sunset
Ruffed Grouse	Zone A- Sep. 18-Dec. 31	5	10	1/2 hr b4 sunrise to 15 min after sunset
	Zone B- Sep. 18-Jan. 31	5	10	1/2 hr b4 sunrise to 15 min after sunset
	Zone C- Oct. 16-Dec. 8	2	4	1/2 hr b4 sunrise to 15 min after sunset
Pheasant	Oct. 16 (noon)-Dec. 31 (see below)			1/2 hr b4 sunrise to 15 min after sunset
	Oct.16-17, 1 cock daily, 2 poss Remainder of season limit: 2 cocks daily, possess limit 4			
Woodcock	Sept. 25-Nov. 8	3	6	1/2 hr b4 sunrise to 15 min after sunset

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Newsletter Items Wanted!

A newsletter is only as good as the contents.

Send in your stories and they'll get published.

To be included in the next issue mail your item(s) to Randy Gustafson, 1775 St. Marys St., Falcon Heights MN 55113, or via email: copyright@ismn.net.

Retriever Information via Internet

LLHRC is now available and updated on the web thanks to Chad Peterson. Visit the site at <http://www.pconline.com/~chad/lolhrc>

The website has brought in new members and many inquiries. THANKS CHAD!

First Aid For Dogs

By Todd Kellam, Reprinted from Hunting Retriever June/July 1997

It is important to remember that accidents can and do happen to our dogs when hunting. Are you prepared to handle a situation where the health of your dog is at risk? Not very many of us are. Having the proper supplies to apply emergency first aid and knowing how to handle basic situations may save the life of your favorite dog. The following information was taken from a book titled *First Aid For Dogs* written by Shirlee Kalstone and Walter McNamara. I just hope that you and I can remain calm if we are ever faced with one of these unfortunate situations so that we can effectively help the injured dog.

A Basic First Aid Kit

All hunters should carry a simple first aid kit behind the seat of their truck or in the dog box. This first aid kit may come in handy for treating an injury of your hunting partner as well. The basic first aid kit contains the following items, all of which are available at K-Mart or Walmart:

- Scissors
- Forceps
- Gauze Bandage
- Adhesive Tape
- Cotton
- Nonstick Pads
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- First Aid Ointment
- Aspirin
- Lubricating Jelly

Use Caution When Handling An Injured Dog

Even though the dog may be your best friend normally, when he is hurt and scared he may not realize who you are. Sometimes dogs will bite a person who is trying to help them. The most important thing to do is try to calm the dog. Watch his actions before you attempt to handle him. Move slowly and let him smell you. Keep your face away from the dog! Before you try to determine how serious his injuries are, it may be necessary to put an emergency muzzle on the dog. You can make one quickly and easily.

Tie a strip of cloth that is at least 15 inches long into a loop similar to the first loop you make when tying your shoe. Place the loop over the dog's muzzle with the knot under the dog's chin. Quickly tighten the loop so the dog cannot open its mouth. Wrap the long ends of the cloth back around the dog's neck up behind his ears and tie with a bow knot.

Emergency Situations and How To Handle Them

Drowning: Lay the dog down on a slanted surface, with his head lower than the rest of his body. Make sure his air passage is clear. Pull his tongue toward the front of his mouth. Begin artificial respiration by pressing down firmly on his chest behind his shoulder blades. Press down firmly for 2 to 3 seconds then release. Repeat every 5 to 6 seconds. Continue the procedure until natural breathing resumes or a veterinarian pronounces the dog dead. Don't give up! Sometimes it takes an hour or more to revive a dog.

Hit By A Car: Do not move the dog any more than is necessary. When you do move him to safety, move him slowly and carefully. Cover him with a blanket or jacket to help keep him from going into shock. Do not leave him alone. If breathing stops, apply artificial respiration as outlined above. Have someone call a veterinarian to let him know you are on the way and any specific problems that you are aware of. Proceed to vet immediately.

Snakebite: Place the dog to rest in a quiet place. Try to keep the dog calm. Do not let him run around. If close to a veterinarian, go immediately. If not, begin emergency treatment. Put a muzzle on dog before further treatment. Remove hair from around the bite if possible. If the bite is on the leg, apply a moderately-tight tourniquet. Make two shallow incisions with razor blade, one over each fang mark and extending below but not more than one half inch. Try to gently work venom out of the bite but do not suck it out with your mouth. Apply first aid cream and wrap with bandage. Apply a cold pack above wound and consult your veterinarian as soon as possible.

Wounds, Cuts, Bleeding: Do not move the dog more than necessary. Make sure breathing does not stop. Apply a muzzle if the dog is frightened. Place a sterile gauze bandage or other clean cloth over the wound and apply firm pressure. Continue to press for several minutes. If bleeding does not stop, leave the original dressing in place and add a second dressing over the first. Keep adding one dressing on top of the other until bleeding is controlled. Use adhesive tape to keep the dressing in place. Place a cold pack or crushed ice above the wound to help restrict blood flow. Only use a tourniquet in a severe emergency and proceed immediately to the veterinarian. If the tissue below the tourniquet swells or becomes blue in color, loosen the tourniquet slightly.

Heatstroke: Move the dog away from heat to cool, shady place if possible. Activate a cold compress or apply crushed ice on the back of the dog's neck and his stomach. If no cold compress or ice is available, you can soak the dog in cold water. Be careful not to let the dog's temperature get too low as he could go into shock. Check his temperature with a rectal thermometer. A dog's normal temperature is 100.5 to 102.5 degrees. Consult your veterinarian when the dog's temperature stabilizes.

Hopefully these basic procedures will get you through an emergency situation. The most important thing to say is to stay calm and keep your dog calm. For further information, it a good idea to purchase a book on first aid care for dogs and to study it thoroughly. Some day, one of man's best friends will be glad you did!

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And More!

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David Nye (and others who the editor apologizes for missing) who made it possible to present LLHRC in its best light at Game Fair.

All volunteers found that after spending a few hours with the "Coon Dog Serenade" the reward of trained, quiet retriever is immeasurable.

Our demos went very well with all dogs and handlers representing our club and mission very well. The fund raiser bumper toss raised a few dollars and found a half dozen new members with good (or lucky) hand eye coordination.

Game Fair is an interesting experience no matter what your participation level. As a spectator there's lots to see and learn. As an event participant you can run your dog or yourself. As an exhibitor you can show/sell your wares to interested potential customers.

Some highlights on the performance side included Jim Bowden's Charlie being on the leader board for the Hunting Retriever Championship qualifier until the last minutes on the last Sunday. Randy Gustafson's Holly held the leader board on the Scurry for five hours on Sunday following a morning run that kept a bounce in their steps all day.

The demonstrations were great. Handlers and dogs performed to the delight of the crowd. All those participating in the demos did a great job showing what an amateur handler and his/her hunting retriever can do when they work together.

While reading a back issue of Hunting Retriever Magazine I ran across the story that told of Jim Bowden and Shane Olean's efforts to start up LLHRC, Minnesota's first HRC, and that they would be at Game Fair '97 with volunteers from Fox River Valley and WISILL HRC's to help man the booth. Reflecting back to 1997 when my 13 year old son and I sat on a hay bale with our eight month old Lab watching the LLHRC demo, and our decision that this group was worth checking out I find amazing the growth that we have achieved together. Good things are supposed to happen to good people, it seems they do here with HRC.

The LLHRC experience at Game Fair will be reviewed at our club meeting on September 7, a Tuesday night, starting at 7 pm at the Blue Fox Inn, Lexington & I-694, in Shoreview. We are confirmed and registered to participate next year too. Bring your observations from this year and your ideas for the future, and we'll get planning under way for future success.

Area Dog Event Calendar

Here's listing of events that our newsletter editor has been made aware of:

UKC/HRC Hunts:

AKC hunt tests:

NAHRA hunt tests:

AKC licensed trials:

Sept 10-12 MN Field Trial Assn.

GRCA / GTCGRA:

Sept 18 WC/WCX Test, Kelley Farms
Regis Deadline 9/7. Susan Scherber 715-246-2467

Other:

In August & September many hunting and conservation organizations hold their annual fund raising banquets. Groups like the Ruffed Grouse Society, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, MN Deer Hunters Assoc, MN Waterfowl Assoc, Turn-In-Poachers, etc, hold events that are great fun (though not always an inexpensive evening). If you haven't already done so consider joining one or more of these organizations whose purpose is to promote habitat, conservation and the continuance of hunting opportunities.

FOR SALE- WANT TO BUY?!

WANTED - 8to12 foot covered trailer for storage and hauling of dog club training and field trial equipment. Contact Jim Bowden, Pres LLHRC.

WANTED - Used Remington 870 12 ga shotguns in serviceable condition could use 3 to 5 for LLHRC Hunt Tests.

WANTED - Training area. 20 acres plus within an hour of metro area for LLHRC, lease with purchase option potential.

If you have something for sale, for trade, or want to buy, this newsletter offers free space to get it done! Send your items, description and phone number (or way to have buyers contact you) to Randy Gustafson, Editor.